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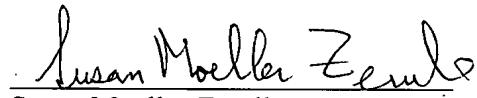
This is in response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement mailed June 12, 2007. This response is accompanied by a Petition for a One month extension of time.

The Examiner issued a restriction requirement between Group I, claims 1-15, and Group II, claims 16-20. Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, claims 1-15, addressed to a method of preparing a protective barrier on the internal surface of a container. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement because it would not be burdensome to examine both group I and Group II (addressed to an apparatus for

forming a protective barrier on the internal surface of a container) as the search for each group is expected to be very similar.

The Examiner further issued an election of species requirement between the species where the porous injector has porosity increasing in a stepwise fashion (species 1) or a continuous fashion (species 2). Applicants hereby elect species 1 where the porous injector has porosity increasing in a step-wise fashion. Claim 12 from Group I and claim 19 from Group II are addressed to this species. Claims 1-11, 14 and 15 from Group I and claims 16-18 from Group II are generic to this species.

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